

## LAUNCHED CROSS DRIVE IN IRMA

### Large Crowd Enjoys Concert

POPULAR CONCERT  
IS HUGE SUCCESS

These were the words of over 150 people who attended the variety concert given Wednesday, November 22, in Hedleys hall, under the auspices of St. Mary's Anglican W.A.

The main items of the evening were the private motion pictures shown by Dr. Greenberg. Opening with the pictures of his holiday trip, the doctor showed some wonderful pictures of the Rocky Mountains, both on the Canadian and American side. Most of them were colored pictures and their beauty nothing short of exquisite. After these, pictures of the San Francisco fair were shown. These were very informative.

Between the pictures more variety was shown. Six artists from Wainwright and Battle Heights completed the two hours entertainment. Miss Dairah "brought down the house" with her description of "The Kids Left at Home" and "The Mouse."

More variety, Fred Ford of Battle Heights treated the crowd with real cowboy guitar playing and yodeling. Those who love the music of the violin were greatly pleased by Mr. A. Adams who was nobly accompanied by Miss A. Knudson of Irma.

Then came the "Burying of Dan McKay," one of Robert Service's grand tales of the north. Mr. Chas. Horn of Wainwright more than did justice to this anecdote of the north. Mrs. R. Lewis and Rev. R. M. Ross, chairman of the evening, aided in the concert with the romantic touch in song.

This description of the occasion ends with more pictures from the projector of Dr. Greenberg. The "Silly Symphony" amused the older ones as much as the kiddies.

The evening was brought to a close with the inspiring and thrilling pictures of the Royal visit.

### Wedding Bells

BEY-KUWICA

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Irma United Church menae on Saturday, November 25th, when Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kuwica, became the bride of Mr. Mike Bey, both of Irma.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Longmire in the presence of a number of friends and relatives of the bride and groom.

Friends extend best wishes for a long and happy life together.

### Three Couples Take Marriage Vows

MAGUIRE-MacMILLAN

Beautifully decorated with flowers and streamers in shades of pink and white, Irma United Church made a charming setting on Monday afternoon for the marrying of Annetta Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacMillan, and Robert Edgar, second son of Mr. R. W. and the late Mrs. Maguire, all residents of Irma.

Rev. E. Longmire officiated at the ceremony at 3:30. The wedding music was played by Miss Lillian Smalley, a cousin of the bride, and during the signing of the register, Mrs. J. Fletcher sang "I Love You Truly."

The bride made a lovely picture as she entered the church on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. She had chosen a smart afternoon gown of burnt sugar silk alpaca, her turban style hat, shoes and accessories were a soft shade of green, and her only adornment being a small pearl clasp for her dress and a dainty corsage of Tallman roses and lily-of-the-valley.

Attending the bride was Miss Ethel Arnold who chose an ensemble of silk faille in a lovely shade of moss green, her corsage was of yellow sweetheart roses.

Mr. Frank Maguire supported his brother, the groom; and the guests were ushered to their seats by Mr. Neil MacMillan, brother and cousin of the bride respectively.

A reception to about thirty guests followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents.

Receiving in the bridal party, Mrs. MacMillan, mother of the bride, was smart in a hostess gown of wine color angel suede. Mrs. Sargent, only sister of the groom, wore a charming gown in black and rose tones, embroidered in black.

Pink and white baby mums in tall silver vases were used in decoration throughout the home for the occasion and the bride's table, laid in gleaming white linen and centred with a three-tier wedding cake trimmed in white and silver was a charming sight.

Mrs. J. H. McMahon presided over the tea table and Mrs. Fletcher had charge of the ice.

Rev. Mr. Longmire proposed the toast to the bride and groom, to which the groom very ably responded.

For going away the bride wore a lovely coat of rust boucle trimmed in red fox fur over her wedding ensemble.

The guests for the happy event

### Canvassers Appointed for Town and Country

At the executive meeting of the Irma branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, held at the home of Dr. Greenberg on Wednesday evening, November 29th, a campaign for membership and funds was organized, and official canvassers were appointed and given receipt books. The district was also mapped out and members of the society were appointed to the various zones.

This is the official drive in this district and all are asked to make the task easier for the canvassers by receiving them courteously and doing what they can to help in this noble cause of the Red Cross—do your bit.

The following are the official canvassers and their respective districts: Ross, Mrs. O. Larson; Alma Mater, Ed. Point, J. C. McLean; Roseberry, Crescent Hill, W. T. Steele; Sunny Brae, W. A. Burton; Avonlong, Orbindale, Lenis Meyer; Battle Heights, Paschenale, G. Batchelor; Fabyan, C. L. Maddier; Strawberry Plains, Mrs. M. J. Chase; Silver Lane, J. A. Bell; Loviaville, F. C. Weise; Glenholm, Sigurd Fløwig; Village of Irma, Mrs. R. Elford.

### SIGNAL CORPS MEETING

The Irma Signal Cadet Corps held their weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, November 28, at the Legion hall. A start has been made to build a receiving set by the boys, from the lectures given last month.

Wireless telegraphy is shaping fine, Signal Cadet Clarence Carter ranking tops for the month.

Text books, flags and some buzzers have been received from Military district No. 13, and uniforms have been ordered. Further supplies from the Military District are on order.

### Minutes of Monthly Meeting M.D. of Buffalo Coulee

Council meeting was held in Saulteaux school with councillors Phaeasy, Ramsay, Donnsworth, Dew and Curry present and reeve Phaeasy presiding.

Cr. Dew read the minutes of Oct. 14th which were adopted as read on motion of Cr. Donnsworth.

Mr. Angus Stewart, Mannville hospital board member was present to interview the council regarding hospital matters. After considerable discussion and the hour being late, it was decided to hold a meeting at the secretary's office at a later date to be set.

By-law No. 15, being Municipal Doctor By-law for townships 47-8 and 9, was read a third time and finally passed on motion of councillor Dew.

The reeve carried that from T.B.72 be completed for the Mannville township branch, authorizing the secretary and deputy reeve to sign cheques and vouchers to carry on business with the said branch on b.h.h.f. of the municipal district.

Correspondence read and some discussion re the assessments, Cr. Curry carried that the reeve's action in getting maps of the district printed for distribution be approved.

Cr. Dew carried that Court of Revision be held at Saulteaux school on Friday, December 22nd, at 10 o'clock a.m.

An offer to purchase the SW 6-49-9 W4 by Frank Ambler was presented, but the terms were not acceptable. (Also an offer to lease the NW 6-49-9 W4. Cr. Dew carried that the NW 6-49-9 W4 be leased for 1940 for which are to be paid on completion of lease.

A letter was read from H. H. Burch regarding the rent on the NW 20-48-8 W4. Cr. Dew carried that rent be reduced by the amount of \$10.

Cr. Ramsay carried that election fees for 1940 be as follows: returning officer, \$2 per day and 10c per mile necessarily travelled. D.R.O. \$5 for polling day and 25c per mile, one way for returning ballot boxes, and \$5 rent for polling booth. An application for position of returning officer for 1940 was read from Frank Hinton. Cr. Ramsay carried that application be accepted. The following are the polling places and D.R. officers: Div. 1, SE 28-47-7 W4, Herman E. Eyben; Div. 2, NE 28-47-8 W4, W. H. Prior; Div. 3, SW 34-47-9 W4, J. W. Matthews; Div. 4, SW 28-49-9 W4, E. J. Lugg; Div. 5, Div. 6, SW 4-40-7 W4, N. V. McHardy.

Cr. Dew carried that the bills and accounts be paid.

Cr. Dew carried the adjournment.

### Church News

**United Church Notes**  
Sunday, December 3rd  
Paschenale—Public worship at 11:15 a.m.  
Roseberry—Public worship 4 p.m.  
Irma—Sunday school 11 a.m.  
Public worship 7:30 p.m.  
Mid week service Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.  
A hearty welcome to all.

### Anglican Church Notes

**ST. MARY'S (ANGELICAN) CHURCH**  
There will be celebration of Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, December 3rd, at 2:30 p.m.

### Disunity in Ranks Says C.C.F. Candidate

C.C.F. CANDIDATE TENDERS  
HIS RESIGNATION

At a meeting of the local C.C.F. group, held Saturday evening, Rev. W. J. Bell, who last spring was the choice of the convention to contest the Bruce constituency in the next provincial election, tendered his resignation.

Mr. Bell, in an interview, stated that his action was prompted by disunion in the ranks, and to give the delegates an opportunity to elect a candidate at some future convention, without fear or favor.

Mr. Bell was selected to fill the position of secretary of the local group, replacing Lars Peterson, who resigned.—Holden Herald.

### Interest Grows in Farmers Unity

A public meeting of the farmers of the Irma district was held in Keifer's hall on November 23rd. This meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a group of the United Farmers of Canada, Alberta section, in this district. Mr. Doty of Phillips acted as chairman of the meeting and introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. H. R. Boutillier of Hairy Hill, 2nd vice-president of the Alberta section already organized at Willingdon. Mr. Boutillier outlined fully the position of the agriculturist in western Canada and pointed out that farming is the only industry in Canada without an association.

He gave a very interesting word picture of other industries, how they were organized to protect themselves so they would be sure of a fair price for their products.

To show what the farmer is up against in the way of organizations Mr. Boutillier mentioned first the Medical Association at the time of his birth, followed by the Pharmaceutical Association, the School teachers' Association, the Manufacturers' Association, the Bankers' Association and finally the one to get the last of his hard earned money, as he passes out, is a member of the Undertakers' Association. Surely the farmer is entitled to be organized in order to be on equal footing with those he has to do business with.

The speaker urged the farmers to unite and uphold their rights to a fair price for their products could be obtained. Members of all other associations set their own prices, but the farmers are forced to take what others offer. However, it is necessary for all or practically all bona fide farmers to join their own organization in order that their demands will produce results. Following Mr. Boutillier's address, copies of the manifesto and constitution were distributed among the audience and a sign up called for. As a result 27 farmers joined and paid their membership fee of \$1.00.

Officers and a board of directors were elected as follows: president, James Jackson; vice-president, A. E. Blackley; sec.-treas., Wm. Milburn; directors, Messrs. Joseph Gulbrae, M. D. Askin, H. Halvorsen and Robt. Dempsey.

It was decided by the local board to call another meeting soon and make a drive to increase the membership. The aim of this organization is to form a powerful farmers' union in this province to work in conjunction with the organized farmers of the other provinces.

This organization is to be strictly non-political and only bona fide farmers actually residing on farms will be accepted as members.

Watch for advertising of future meetings and turn out to see what it is all about. The Irma local wants a 100 per cent sign up.

### Albert District News

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hardy, accompanied by Mr. L. A. Aude of Lynx school, visited relatives at Hardisty on Sunday.

Messrs. G. Currie, C. L. Lukens and M. Prosser returned from a successful hunting trip on which they bagged an elk and a deer.

Mrs. R. W. Hay sponsored six tables of whist at her home on Saturday evening, November 25, in connection with a telephone whist drive conducted at three different homes in aid of the Red Cross. The high scores for the evening were made by W. E. Ramsay and Mrs. Victor Larson.

Mr. Ken Matheson made a trip to Edmonton on Wednesday, returning Saturday.

Mrs. Griffiths returned from Mannville hospital on November 21.

Mr. John Jandel entertained at bridge on Thursday, November 24. Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnston visited at Vermilion on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elford are visiting their daughter near Edmonton.

**FOR SALE**—Two second hand ranges, also one McAlary Oak heater. V. Hutchinson, Irma.

### Boxing Program at Irma Dec. 2nd

BOXING PROGRAM AT IRMA  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

Art Hockett of Irma is promoting a boxing program at Irma in Keifer's hall on Saturday, December 2nd, first bout commencing at 9 p.m. For the main bout he is bringing together Lefty Lukens of Irma, and Les Armstrong of Hardisty, who tip the scales at 185 pounds or more. The Irma fans have been looking for a meeting between these hefty fellows for a long time and they'll be right on the dot to see what happens. Lukens appeared on several programs at Viking a few years back and still feels he has what it takes to put over the layman. We don't know much about this man Armstrong but we hear that he is the pride of Hardisty and packs a mean wallop. This go is scheduled for ten rounds, if it lasts that long.

Promoter Hockett is angling for two leather pushers to fill in the semi-final slot and he promises a surprise for the fans when the evening of the show rolls around.

Of interest to Viking fans is the return bout between Alan Jones, local fistic prize, and Roy Simson, of Irma. Jones got the nod at their reggagement here in October. Simson says the tide will turn next Saturday night. It promises to be a bout that should fill the hall as the boys are willing warriors. Other preliminary events include H. Gulltner and Fred Carlson, George Ashfield and the Kid, Hardisty, with a special added attraction bout between Sila Coffin and Shorty Forman, both of Irma.

All tickets are \$1.00 each. You may reserve yours at the Irma Pool Room before the program starts. Looks like something you don't want to miss.

### HONOR BRIDE-TO-BE

Miss Annetta MacMillan was guest of honor at a shower held at the home of Mrs. J. Fletcher with assisting hostesses Mrs. Milne, Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Greenberg.

The bride-to-be was very agreeably surprised on dropping in at her friend's Mrs. Fletcher, for tea to find the house full of friends which numbered about fifty-five, and overflowing with good wishes for her future. After a short program, Mrs. McFarland, in a few well chosen words, accepted the guest of honor to accept the "barrel" of lovely and useful gifts offered by her friends.

Miss MacMillan very sincerely thanked all the donors.

A very dainty lunch was served by the hostesses which brought a most delightful afternoon to a close.

Another small gathering of interest was a social evening held last Tuesday when Miss Rena Fenton and Miss E. Carter were joint hostesses in honor of Miss Annetta MacMillan.

The evening was an enjoyable affair consisting of games and contests and the guests were the Misses Mary Jones, Aletta Knudson, Ethel Arnold, Marie Webber, Myrtle Barnes, Marion Longmire, Jean Whidlen, Kathryn Patterson, Margaret Patterson, Jean and Agnes Craig, Lois Horn, and the guest of honor, Miss Annetta MacMillan.

At the close of the evening a dainty lunch was served, and Miss MacMillan was made the recipient of a lovely serving tray, sandwich tray and an embroidered table centre from the guests. She expressed her sincere thanks and a real invitation to all to visit her in her new home. The singing of "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" brought a pleasant evening to a close.

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## Ottawa In Receipt Of Sums Of Money From Conscience Stricken Donors

This is a story about Conscience Money. The still small voice of the sleepless little mentor has been less insistent since the one hundred dollar exemption clause for returning Canadian tourists was added to the Customs tariff. However, "conscience money" still comes to the Department in various ways, the individual amounts ranging from a few cents to over a hundred dollars. Some recent cases of interest were as follows:—

Twenty-nine cents were received by the Collector at Toronto from a person in Windsor, Ontario, with no covering letter, and although the name of the remitter was on the postal note, inquiries failed to locate him. The sum was typically finally marked "conscience money." Another small amount of 70 cents was forwarded the Department from Prescott, by a clergyman, on behalf of one whose name was not divulged, also the Department received an envelope from Victoria, B.C., containing one hundred dollars in cash but no letter. The sender on the envelope was printed by hand and read "The Secretary, Customs and Excise Office, Ottawa." Another sum of one hundred dollars was received from Victoria recently, enclosed with an unsigned letter, which explained that the money was in payment of duties which the sender had evaded some years ago by smuggling goods into this country from England.

An old couple were troubled about the non-payment of duty on their horse. Many years ago when they had moved into Canada from the United States the horse had been allowed in free by the proper authorities. However, these people felt that they may have misrepresented the case to the Customs officer at that time, hence their insistence on payment of \$55 which they said was owing.

In another instance a sum of money was forwarded to the Department with an unsigned letter which stated rather cryptically that "you will find enclosed ten dollars which is a remittance for money which was unduly paid." Another letter read: "Please accept the enclosed amount \$14, as payment of Customs duty. The goods were brought over the border for me by a friend, but I would rather have a clear conscience than the money. In order to be right with God, one must crucify the flesh."

From Woodstock, N.B., a letter was received signed "A Citizen," and read as follows: "Enclosed find seventeen dollars and fifty cents which I believe is due your Department. This represents the duty on some goods brought into Canada from the United States at various times. Though this was done without any particular desire at the time to outwit the law, nevertheless the duty is a debt which is owed your Department and I am taking this opportunity of paying it."

In most cases where small sums of money are sent to the Department with no explanatory note, the payment is intended by the donor to be "conscience money," and it is so credited. However in one instance recently a sum of ten dollars was received by the Department with no clue as to its intended disposal, or to the name of the sender. Accordingly the money was earmarked as "conscience money." Later it transpired that someone had intended this as payment on income tax, and only after he had written the Income Tax Division demanding an acknowledgment and inquiries had been made, was his mistake discovered. The adjuster, however, was quickly made. —National Revenue Review.

### Gas Masks

#### Some British Women Said To Be Using Them For Hand Bags

The wartime habit many British women have formed of making handbags of their gas mask bags evoked a solemn government warning. A ministry of home security communique told them they might make their masks unfit by carrying purses, compact, lipstick and such in the mask containers.

It added that "gas masks are government property and there are penalties for damage caused by neglect, but what is emphasized even more is that the mask may at any time become a vital necessity and neglect may well cost the individual more dearly than any fine."

You seldom meet an old-fashioned woman who talks about "fitter" now, but what a meal she used to put up!

Thirty-seven international telephone circuits are in operation.

### A Vital Job

#### Taking Time To Organize And Train An Efficient Field Force

This war is no mere adventure but a vital job to be done, to this man who will command Canada's First Division overseas.

"If we're going to be able to enjoy civilization and live as we like, we must put Hitler and those who think like him out of power," Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton said at Ottawa. "But let's get down with it, once and for all, and get back to do the things some of us want to do."

At the same time, General McNaughton voiced his firm belief in taking sufficient time in preparation to organize and train a field force of undoubted efficiency.

People were apt to become impatient at the lack of spectacular action in that preparatory stage, he recognized, but Canada's defence policy in the last 20 years had been to maintain a small, highly trained force and take advantage of the country's geographical isolation for time to expand that small army if danger threatened.

"Canada has relied on its geographical position, as it had every right to do, to provide time for training a larger force if it became necessary. Everything has been based on that element of time and that is what we are taking advantage of now," he said.

The men who have formed the first division are breaking up their lives, sacrificing much, to take part in this 'job' that has to be done, he said, but they wanted to see it done once and for all, finally. There had been no suggestions of reluctance to place themselves at the disposal of the state but "twice in a lifetime is twice too often."

General McNaughton said great care was being taken in the selection of First Division Staff to get the best men available, especially keeping in mind the possibility of expansion which would mean promotion of able men with early experience. Equal consideration is being given the men of the permanent and non-permanent militia in this regard. Since men are picked solely for talent, not on a basis of friendship or politics.

The First Division commanding officer hastened to add that the Canadian active service force was only one part of the country's war effort. Many men of outstanding ability and training had been given other jobs, where they were less in the public eye than they might be if they were in uniform but where they were perhaps playing a really bigger role.

### New Term Coined

#### "Evacuees" Just One Of Many Words Produced By War

This war has brought us a new term—"evacuees"—and word comes from the United Kingdom where it originated, that scholars are taking violent exception to the use of the term on the ground that it is neither French, English, nor, indeed, any language invented. They would use the term "refugees," which has been used principally to describe people who fled from their own to another country. "Evacuees," of course, has been formed to describe those persons who have been removed from places in England and Scotland in danger of being bombed to localities of greater safety.

As in the last Great War, prolific in the creation of new words and terms, some of which were excellent and some of doubtful quality, the dictionary will have new inhabitants after this war. And "evacuees," though not up to the scholar's standard of language purity, will be among them. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

### Bear Liked His Bath

Along came a big black bear in Yellowstone National Park, almost under the nose of Fred Bleberdorf, travelling as if it knew just exactly where it was going. Straight into a pool at Mammoth Hot Springs it marched. It soaked a few minutes, stirred the water furiously and then clambered out to shake itself dry. The temperature of the pool, says Bleberdorf, is 166 degrees, exactly right for a good warm bath.

Snakes have no true voice. Having no vocal cords their only voice is a hiss, caused by air rushing from the throat when the lungs are desisted.

Turkey will make anti-typhoid fever vaccines.



DECORATING THE WALLS OF EUROPE  
One way of describing the alternatives offered by Hitler.  
—Hungerford in The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

### Left Valuable Record

#### Medical Student Followed Up Diagnosis Of Rare Disease

The story of a Stanford University medical student who kept a secret, meticulous record of the rare disease he knew would kill him in two years was disclosed on the eve of his funeral.

Doctors and students alike paid tribute to the courage of Frederick James Hinds of Santa Barbara, Calif., who died of myelogenous leukemia, one month before his 23rd birthday.

Nearly two years ago, Hinds, as an eager student, peered through a microscope in the course of routine medical studies at a slide of his blood. As clearly as if it were written in printed words he read his doom.

Quietly he went about verifying his accurate diagnosis, that he was one of the few victims of the disease, in which white corpuscles disappear from the blood and tissues become replaced with bone marrow, leading inexorably to a painful death.

Right up until the last painful weeks, when he could no longer work with his hands and look into the microscope, he kept a record of his case. One physician at Stanford hospital said the record may become invaluable help some day to the man who discovers a cure for myelogenous leukemia.

### Drill For Oil

#### British Columbia Plans To Develop Peace River Area

Premier Pattullo said the B.C. government intends to ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$200,000 to drill one oil well in the Peace River area, where provincial government survey parties have reported indications of oil deposits.

If the first oil well is not successful, he said, the government later will ask more money to drill other holes.

If the drilling operations are successful, he said, a structure at least 70 miles long will be proved—much larger than the Turner Valley area in Alberta. A 35-mile road is now being built so machinery for drilling can be taken to the surveyed area, preparatory to drilling next year.

The regal life, favorite of thousands of American and European gardeners to-day, was an unknown plant, growing in the bleakest regions of western China, less than 30 years ago.

### Small Motifs For Many Linens



One transfer pattern but it yields a quantity of linens! There's variety in the motifs—variety in the type of stitchery—get started on a variety of gifts! Pattern 6496 contains 26 motifs ranging from 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches to 1 x 1 inch; materials needed; illustration of stitchery; color scheme.

To obtain this pattern send 20 cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 176 McDermott Ave. E., Winnipeg.

There is no Alice Brooks pattern book published.

## Too Much Emphasis Is Placed On The Part That Machinery Plays In War

### Newspaper Advertising

#### Merchant In Portsmouth, Ohio, Would Not Do Without It

George W. Sheets is a merchant in Portsmouth, Ohio. He went into the furniture business there in 1908, five blocks from the best shopping district, and by the depression year of 1931 had \$23,925 in his books with no prospect of getting cash from accounts or current business. What to do? Mr. Sheets decided to economize on everything else and put as much money as possible into an aggressive advertising campaign in his local newspaper.

Advertising Facts, published by the American Newspaper Publishers' bureau of advertising, tells the rest of the story.

"The depression years came hammering down the pike, but the Sheets Furniture Company stuck to its advertising plans, putting more than 95 per cent of its total advertising budget into newspapers. By 1933 the annual total was well over 100,000 lines.

"To-day the Sheets Furniture Company owns a three-story building and has added the building next door. The company carries a stock of about 40,000 worth of merchandise, all paid for. Mr. Sheets has also paid for his home and bought three other houses as investments. He boasts \$125,000 in good accounts, discounts all his bills and enjoys an excellent credit rating.

"What's the answer? Well, Mr. Sheets has it. 'If I ever quit advertising I will turn the key in the lock on the front door and get out of business.'"

Most successful retailers feel the same way. They have found they can depend on newspaper advertising to bring customers into their stores, waiting and able to buy. Which, when you get right down to it, is the best kind of evidence that national advertisers who sell through retail stores can use newspaper space effectively to increase their own sales and profits.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

### Detonator Ray

#### Said To Be Able To Explode Gasoline And Ammunition Two Miles Away

Secret details of a "detonator" ray, declared by its sponsor to be capable of exploding gasoline and ammunition two miles away, have been submitted to United States war department representatives for test and development.

The sponsor is Otto H. Mohr, elderly Oakland, Calif., inventor and former illuminating engineer for the interior department. Mohr said the process dealt "in part" with gamma and beta rays and that, as yet, he had found no way of controlling the direction of the beam.

Mohr came upon the ray accidentally while experimenting with one of his many inventions designed to harness the power of the sun. His first effort, he said, was to explode a number of rifle cartridges stored nearby. He tried it on a small quantity of gasoline several hundred feet away, and the liquid fuel was exploded.

He suggested it might be utilized to explode fuel and ammunition stores "within a radius of a few miles." It thus might be directed against hostile aircraft.

### Historic Caves

The Caves of the Thousand Buddhas are located near Tzu-Huang, China. They are cut into solid rock cliffs and have served as Buddhist shrines for more than 1,500 years. A sealed manuscript chamber was found in the caves in 1900.

### Very Old Custom

At Killorglin, County Kerry, Ireland, a goat is crowned king during a three-day fair each year, commemorating the day in ancient times when a goat's bleating warned the village of an approaching army.

A shop in Budapest advertises "everything for dwarfs." The place is operated by a dwarf.

In Holland, jackets are supplied to cows to protect them from the cold and damp of wintry weather.

England now consumes 60,000,000 gallons more of milk annually than it did four years ago.

Altogether too much emphasis was placed ever since 1918 on the part machinery would play in the "next war." Now the "next war" is here, and a good many of us still seem to place too great faith in the belief that it will be won by machinery. The extremists who take every dictum literally appear to imagine a robot warfare, forgetting that it needs men to tend machines, and that the machine is ever man's servant and not his master.

It is well that the British commander-in-chief, Lord Gort, should have reminded the correspondents of this since imperfectly informed journalism has done a great deal these past 20 years to foster and perpetuate the misconception.

The truth at best is that, in war as in industry, fewer men are required to do the task that formerly took a greater number. But, unlike mechanized industry, mechanized warfare does not necessarily displace soldiers; it makes it possible for the old number, to perform, if required, a greater number of tasks; it simply steps up the "output"—if such a term can be applied to anything wholly destructive.

The first advantage of mechanized warfare is not that it relieves the soldier from physical fighting, but in the greater mobility it confers. So-called automatic weapons, also, have helped to confer on a single soldier the fire power of a whole platoon or more of riflemen.

This is one of the things that has tended to dispersion in which the old continuous line of trenches has been succeeded by series of "defended localities," the spaces between covered by the fire of "automatic" weapons.

The reason we spoke above of "so-called" automatic weapons is that the word is really a misnomer, because it implies that the weapons are themselves automatic. It is from our own misnomers that some of our public get their ideas. Yet the fact remains that, wonderful as science is, the weapon has yet to be devised that will find its own target, measure its own range, adjust its own sights, set its own fuses (if any), fire itself, and make its own corrections from the result.

In other words, in spite of mechanical improvements, the secret of good artillery practice or the effective fire of mechanized weapons is still the man behind the gun, and he is only a helper to his comrade with the rifle-and-bayonet who alone wins battles.

The Germans have given us a partial demonstration of this in the past few days. After hammering away at the Maginot line for several weeks, without material effect, desperate recourse was had to assault by infantry with hand grenades. These tactics also failed, but the lesson is in the realization that it is not in machines but in men that a commander rests his hope of winning battles.

If fewer men have been required up to now than in the Great War, it is because fewer can perform the same operations and also because, up to the present, the number of operations to be performed is less; and the Allies show symptoms of a strong desire to localize the war instead of having, as at various stages of its predecessor, half a dozen campaigns going on all over Europe, parts of Asia Minor and Africa. But where, as in Canada, recruiting is voluntary, any idea that modern warfare can be fought without men is a dangerous delusion.—Calgary Alberta.

### Rather A Big Order

#### Member Of Byrd Expedition To Take Census Of Whales

If the gentleman who thought washing an elephant was a big job will come around, Milton Lobell will tell him a few things. Lobell is going to count whale noses in the Antarctic. Scheduled to accompany the Byrd expedition to Antarctica, the 26-year-old University of Washington graduate, as a representative of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, will take a sort of whale census around the south polar ice cap. The study will be made to determine what methods of conservation may be necessary to keep the whaling industry from becoming extinct.

"Well, anyway, here's one bright outlook: 'An astronomer says the sun will shine 500 sextillion years longer.'"

Egypt and her Sphinx have nothing on Russia. The Soviets have an animated Sphinx, but the Soviets call it Stalin.

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## PUBLIC SALE

PUBLIC SALE OF GOODS AND CHATTELS

By the municipal district of Battle River, No. 423, on Saturday afternoon, December 2nd, 1939, at 2 p.m. at the rear of the municipal office, Main street, Irma.

1 Roan Mare (aged); 1 Black Gelding (aged); 1 Grey Gelding (aged); 1 Wagon Box; 1 Plow, 16", low lift; 1 16 run Drill; 4 Sets of Harness with collars and bridles; 1 Bed and Spring; 1 6 hole Ideal Stove; 2 Chairs; 1 Table; 1 Clothes Basket; 1 Buggy; 1 Buggy wheel; 1 Buck Saw; 1 Cream Can; 1 Grain Scoop; 1 Oil Can; 2 Cords of Dry Wood; 12 Bushels Rye; 1 Stone Boat; 1 Couter; 1 Couter; 1 Oliver low lift 3 bottom Plow, 14"; 1 Plow Bridle; 1 Breaker Bottom; 1 6 ft. Deering Binder; 1 Set wooden Evers; 1 Set Steel Evers; 1 Disc, 14, outthrow; 3 Binder Canvases; 3 Boxes Tools, Nails, etc.; 2 Pails; 2 Small Oil Cans.

This sale will be in charge of Mr. R. D. Smallwood, reeve of the municipal district of Battle River, No. 423.

Chas. Wilbraham, Sec.-Treas.  
Municipal District of Battle River, No. 423  
Irma, Alberta.

## Interesting Items From Kinsella

Albert and George Johnston, were city visitors last week.

Miss "Bobby" Greek of Sedgewick is visiting at the Green residence.

Mrs. Del Anderson was honored by old friends and new, at a shower held Tuesday at Mrs. I. Leghton's.

C. Garvie and Lloyd Arkinstall were business visitors in Edmonton over the week-end.

A large crowd attended the whist drive and dance sponsored by the H.A. Association on Saturday, November 25. Another whist drive and dance will be held on Saturday, December 2nd.

Mrs. Herron and son and daughter are visiting at the Wachter and Brooks homes.

Mr. J. P. Bawden was re-elected regional trustee for the Holden school division at a meeting held Saturday.

Mrs. Fisher and two daughters of Czar were visitors at the Fisher home.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute will be held in Hedley's hall on Thursday, December 7th, at 2:30. All members are requested to attend.

Mrs. Wm. Anderson  
Mrs. R. L. Martin  
Mrs. R. C. McFarland  
Directors.

## THOS. G. DARK COMING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6th

Thos. G. Dark, eyesight consultant and registered optometrist, will be at the Irma Drug Store, Wednesday, December 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon; Jarow, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.; Kinsella, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Viking Drug Store 3 to 7:30 p.m. Make your appointments at the above places.

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## Wheat Pool Big Aid Says Report

NET EARNINGS OF  
ALBERTA POOL ELEVATORS

The operating earnings of Alberta Pool Elevators for the year ending July 31st, 1939, showed a surplus of \$608,067.13. This figure was arrived at after allowing \$510,455.17 for depreciation and paying \$225,258.34 to the Alberta government as interest on indebtedness. The results for the crop year 1938-39 are the best since the year 1928-29.

Total handlings of the Alberta Pool Elevators for the year under review were 44,505,923 bushels of grain, compared with 22,959,712 bushels a year previous. The larger handlings were accounted for principally by the better crop in Alberta in 1938 as compared with 1937.

The net free assets representing the equity of the membership in the Alberta Wheat Pool as at July 31st, 1939, totaled \$4,693,793.54, an increase of \$1,045,994.04 over the previous year.

Alberta Pool Elevators operated 421 country elevators in 1938-39 out of a total owned of 426. Two terminals were operated namely Pool No. 1, owned by the association, and Pool No. 2 leased from the federal government. Both these terminals are located at Vancouver.

The extensive patronage given Alberta Pool Elevators by many thousands of Alberta grain producers over the past eight years has resulted in

## Red Cross Aid All Time Job

THE RED CROSS—A LONG  
AND STEADY PULL

(From the Tofield Mercury)

Right now there are underway two separate Red Cross campaigns. A Dominion wide one for finances only and a local one which includes finances and services in many different forms. Both campaigns are receiving very generous support from the general public which of course is exactly as it should. It is very unlikely that the general public can give too much to the Red Cross, the money being used as it is to alleviate suffering and distress both among combatant forces and among civil populations of all countries. Even in peace time the Red Cross is a worthy cause to subscribe to and certainly in war time the need is vastly greater.

Unlike many other forms of giving, supporting the Red Cross is not a "give and forget it thing." As long as the war lasts, even for some time after it is over, the war time needs of the Red Cross will go on, and of course its peace time work never ceases. Quite often there is a tendency with the general public to become intensely enthusiastic about a worthy cause, support is generously, and then feeling that it has done its bit, allow enthusiasm to subside completely. At this time, remembering the conditions under which land and sea combatant forces are forced to live, and remembering the devastation and suffering which as been and likely will continue to be inflicted upon civilian populations, it is very necessary that each individual recognize in the Red Cross an opportunity for him or her to do their part in helping suffering humanity wherever it may be. Not only by a sporadic effort of giving today or this week or next, but by a resolve to contribute as far as possible regularly. We in Canada live in a very favored place on this earth. This good fortune is made possible in small measure by the sacrifices of people living in other countries. We owe it to men and women of our own country who will take an active part in the defence of the rights of man, and we owe it to those people of countries which form Canada's first line of defense, to do our level best in the way of giving so that their task may be made as light as possible. A realization of the need and a strong resolve to support the Red Cross now and keep on supporting it as long as the need lasts is what is wanted. A long and steady pull is required, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that it is just this kind of effort that in the long run is most effective.

*The need is urgent—  
dig in and give*

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IRMA DISTRICT RED CROSS SOCIETY

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## The World of Wheat Professional Cards

H. G. L. Strange

"The drought consumes us. There on high the hills are parched, the streams are dry. There drought consumes us. Still I strive."

And will not leave while I survive."  
(Chinese poem from the Shi King collection of Confucius.)

That drought in the large wheat areas of the world is a common experience is revealed by this ancient Chinese poem, the author of which is unknown, but which was written certainly more than 2,000 years ago. The farmers of the southern areas of our prairie provinces have suffered severely from a long series of bad drought years. Most of our farmers did not leave their land, but on the contrary they strived as long as they could survive, just as did that ancient Chinese farmer poet.

And this last year their patience was rewarded, for normal rainfalls once again came, bringing with them bountiful harvests of grass, forage crops and of high quality grain.

This experience has demonstrated to the whole world, in a most dramatic fashion, the remarkable recuperative power of the soil and of the wheat plant, and most particularly the recuperative power of the courageous farmer himself.

**Tightly Cover Baking Powder**—Baking powder should be tightly covered and stored in a cool, dry place to preserve leavening power.

**Keeping Suet**—When next you buy suet, melt it in the oven and then pour into jars. When cold it is more easily shredded, and will keep much longer.

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A small want-ad brings results. Try it when you have something to sell, trade or swap that somebody else wants.

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## ANNUAL STATEMENT

31st October, 1939

### LIABILITIES

#### LIABILITIES TO THE PUBLIC

Deposits	\$ 914,909,050.43
Payable on demand and after notice	
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	21,767,292.00
Payable on demand	
Bills Payable	172,632.57
Time drafts issued and outstanding	
Acceptances and Letters of Credit Outstanding	7,914,256.36
Financial responsibilities undertaken on behalf of customers (see of cutting amount in "Resources")	
Other Liabilities to the Public	3,739,690.56
Items which do not come under the foregoing headings:	
Total Liabilities to the Public	\$ 948,502,921.94

#### LIABILITIES TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits and Reserves for Dividends	77,005,445.86
This amount represents the shareholders' interest in the Bank, over which liabilities to the public take precedence.	
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,025,508,367.80

### RESOURCES

#### To meet the foregoing Liabilities the Bank has

Cash in its Vaults and Money on Deposit with Bank of Canada	\$ 94,641,456.72
Notes and Cheques on Other Banks	29,244,762.91
Payable in cash on presentation	
Money on Deposit with Other Banks	77,357,497.05
Available on demand or at short notice	
Government and Other Bonds and Debentures	517,171,255.95
Not exceeding market value. The greater portion consists of bill-edge securities which mature at early date.	
Stocks	470,131.88
Industrial and other stocks. Not exceeding market value.	
Call Loans outside of Canada	19,142,173.17
Secured by bonds, stocks and other negotiable securities of greater value than the loans and representing money quickly available with no disturbing effect on conditions in Canada.	
Call Loans in Canada	4,573,822.19
Payable on demand and secured by bonds and stocks of greater value than the loans.	
Bankers' Acceptances	2,767.95
Prime drafts accepted by other banks.	
TOTAL OF QUICKLY AVAILABLE RESOURCES (equal to 78.29% of all Liabilities to the Public)	\$ 742,603,867.82

#### Loans to Provincial and Municipal Governments

Including School Districts	36,712,818.28
Other Loans	220,540,911.41
To manufacturers, farmers, merchants and others, on conditions consistent with sound banking.	

#### Bank Premises

Two properties only are carried in the names of holding companies; the stocks and bonds of these companies are actively owned by the Bank and appear on the books at \$1.00 in each case. All other of the Bank's premises, the value of which largely exceeds \$15,900,000, appear under this heading.	13,900,000.00
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#### Real Estate, and Mortgages on Real Estate Sold by the Bank

Acquired in the course of the Bank's business and in process of being realized upon.	1,073,717.21
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#### Customers' Liability under Acceptances and Letters of Credit

Represents liabilities of customers on account of Letters of Credit issued and Drafts accepted by the Bank for their account.	7,914,256.36
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#### Other Assets not included in the Foregoing

Making Total Assets of	2,754,796.72
to meet payment of Liabilities to the Public of	\$ 1,025,508,367.80
leaving an excess of Assets over Liabilities to the Public of	\$ 948,502,921.94
	\$ 77,005,445.86

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Profits for the year ended 31st October, 1939, after making appropriations to Contingent Reserve Fund, out of which fund full provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts had been made, and after deducting Dominion and Provincial Government Taxes amounting to \$1,196,413.45	\$3,462,446.04
Dividends paid or payable to Shareholders	\$2,880,000.00
Appropriation for Bank Premises	300,000.00
	\$ 3,380,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st October, 1938	\$ 82,446.04
	\$ 1,183,254.52
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	\$ 1,265,700.56

HUNTLY R. DRUMMOND, President

JACKSON DODDS, G. W. SPINNEY, Joint General Managers

**The strength of a bank is determined by its history, its policy, its management and the extent of its resources. For 122 years the Bank of Montreal has been in the forefront of Canadian finance.**

## LOCALS

Mr. O. Vinjeur, Irma watch maker, left last Monday to spend the winter with friends at Los Park, Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smallwood are now established in their new home on the Mitchell farm on Strawberry Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Enger, Sr., have moved to Ennisville, Alberta, where they intend making their home.

The regular monthly meeting of Glenham Social Credit study group will be held at the home of Mr. Oscar Linness on Wednesday evening, December 6th, at 8 p.m. The report of the delegates to the annual constituency convention will be heard. Also some musical and vocal selections. All progressive people are welcome. The enjoyable time is assured.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Congdon and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Congdon, all of Edmonton, motored to Irma last week-end, where they visited at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Congdon. Mrs. Congdon returned with them for a short visit.

The M.D. of Battle River was represented at the annual municipal district convention in Edmonton last week by reeve R. D. Smallwood and councillor W. T. Steele.

A meeting of the Irma Social Credit group will be held on Monday, Dec. 4th, at 8 p.m. A good program and dance to follow.

Work was completed at the C.N.R. bridge, four miles east of Irma last Saturday. Bennett and White the contractors have removed their equipment and camping outfit to another job.

### SPECIAL MEETING OF IRMA LEGION

A special meeting of the Irma branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.-S.L., will be held in the Legion hall on Saturday evening, December 9th, at 8 p.m. This being the last meeting of the year a special appeal is made to all members to attend. A feature of the meeting will be a talk on Australia by Com. Wm. Walker.

### Women's Institute

The monthly meeting of the Irma W.I. will be held in Tuesday's hall on Thursday, December 7th, at 2:30 p.m. This is the annual meeting with the election of officers for the ensuing year, so all members are asked to please make every effort to attend. Roll call will be answered by The Exchange of Gifts.

Hostesses, Mrs. C. Stougaard, Mrs. F. Weiste and Mrs. F. Thurston.

The Irma branch of the W.I. wish to thank all who helped to make the bazaar held on Saturday, Nov. 25, such a success. A considerable sum was raised. The raffle prize winners are as follows: 1st prize, bed throw, Mrs. W. M. Frickleton; 2nd prize, silk bedspread, Mrs. Mahon, of Edmonton; 3rd prize, wool rug, Ole Halvorsen. The baby's dress and slip was won by Mrs. M. Tripp.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Fine young horse, raised three and four years old, for cattle or hogs. Linus Meyers, phone 609, Irma, Alta.

**WANTED TO BUY**—A good milk cow. S. Knowles, phone 211, Irma.

### IRMA Y.P.U.

A large number of young people met at the Y.P.U. meeting on November 23rd. The meeting was in charge of the Christian culture group under the leadership of Betty McLean.

The meeting was opened by a hymn and Catherine Patterson gave the prayer. Jean Craig read the scripture reading. Henry Kaston gave the topic for the evening on "God's Word". The devotional part of the meeting was concluded with another hymn.

The business part of the meeting followed, and plans were made for a skating party in the near future. A program, consisting of the following numbers, was then given: a song by Ruby Carrington, Betty McLean, Jacqueline Tate, Dorothy Currie and Lois Langmuir; a play by Evelyn McRobert, Catherine Patterson, Ivan Thurston, James Seneff, Arthur Peterson and Harvie Eloff. The most enjoyable part of the evening was the "flashlight" club singing by Henry Kaston and James Seneff, accompanied on the mouth organ by Arthur Peterson. A sing-song was led by Marjorie McFarland.

The young people then adjourned to the basement to play games. The next Y.P.U. meeting will be held on December 14th, and all the young people of Irma and district are very cordially invited.

### Viking Items.

Word was received on Sunday, November 26th, of the death of John W. Rusicka, of Grand Forks, B.C., at the age of 84 years. The late Mr. Rusicka was one of the first settlers of the Prague district southwest of Viking, having arrived with his family from Prague, Oklahoma, in 1904, their first mode being a wad chuck. At times progressed, a large two-story house was built, which today stands just a few yards from the Prague Church and school in which he took an active part. For the betterment of their health, Mr. and Mrs. Rusicka left for Grand Forks, B.C. in 1921. Two years later Mrs. Rusicka passed beyond, also one son, William, of Kilham, Alberta.

The annual meeting of the Viking branch of the Canadian Legion was held in the ante-rooms of the Elks hall on Saturday evening, November 26th, with eight members present. The meeting opened with the two minutes silence in remembrance of absent and fallen comrades. Considerable correspondence from military district No. 13, Calgary was read and discussed. The president reported that the Voluntary Enlistment forms had been received and that Cde. Primett had agreed to attend to this matter, forms for those wishing same to be had at the post office.

By unanimous vote of the members the president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer were elected for another year. Cde. Dave Scott, F. A. Miller and J. L. Small were elected to the executive.

A motion was passed that a flag pole be erected at some suitable place within the Village and that a flag be flown continuously. It was also passed that the Provincial Command be requested to use its influence to inculcate a spirit of loyalty among the school children throughout the province by flag exercises, etc., and the flying of the flag in each and every school.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bruce Kinella and Viking districts for the support of the poppy campaign. The secretary was instructed to write Miss Richardson, R.N. expressing regret at her absence, on account of illness, from the Remembrance service and banquet.

Alfred Lofrud was re-elected, by acclamation, to the board of the Hospital trustees for sub-division 3, held during the past week at the North hall, Viking.

Mr. Lofrud has just completed a two year term, and this endorsement for another period is in appreciation of his good work on the divisional board.

We note by one of the papers that Joe McCafferty, one time barber in this town, now of Edmonton South, was the lucky winner of the new 1940 Chevrolet car in a draw recently held in Winnipeg. Atta boy, Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. Chernesky wish to thank the friends and neighbors for the "shower" which was held at Bert Francis' last Thursday, November 16, also for the lovely presents received.

J. L. Dodds, former C.N.R. agent here, was a visitor in town today. He is leaving for a few days holiday at the coast, after which he will return to Stettler.

Mel Wood of Tofield, was a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. Rolans, on Sunday.

A very successful mass meeting was held in the Elks hall on Wednesday afternoon, November 22nd, under the auspices of the United Farmers of Canada, Viking local, No. 90. Owing to bad roads the attendance was not as large as would be expected. However about one hundred very interested farmers heard Mr. Boutiller, vice-president, give a very interesting address in which he stressed very strongly the need of Alberta farmers uniting 100 per cent non-politically so as to obtain parity with other professions.

Thirteen new members were signed up. The Viking local has a membership of 45 since organizing the latter part of August. The next meeting of the local will be held Saturday, December 2nd, at 2:30 p.m. in the Anglican parish hall. All members and interested farmers are urged to attend. Delegates to the annual convention will give their reports. The objective of the local is 100 per cent membership in the Viking district. The local secretary, A. G. Bird, will be pleased to sign up members any time, any place. The U.F.C. slogan is "Determination and loyal co-operation."

L. O. Wollen is a delegate to the Wheat Pool convention being held in Calgary this week.

Messrs. G. W. Green and M. Nelson of the Northwestern Utilities were visitors at the tea given on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. J. Lee is having a cottage built on the corner lot south of the United church.

### Bank of Montreal Annual Statement

Outstanding of the features of the Bank of Montreal's annual statement just issued, is the assets figure, reaching over a billion dollars—a figure that is not only the highest in the long career of this 122-year-old institution, but a record in Canadian banking history. The statement, which is for the year to October 31, is published with the description "in easily understandable form," the various items of the balance sheets being accompanied by explanatory statements. Characteristically strong, the bank's statement this year shows more than usual expansion in the more important headings, with capital subordinated to nearly \$20,000,000—a reflection of the extent to which the bank has been assisting the industry and commerce of the country. These loans amount to \$200,548,911.

Notwithstanding this widening of credit, the statement shows no impairment in the bank's liquidity; in fact, its quickly available resources, standing at \$742,603,867, are at a slightly higher percentage in relation to public liabilities, the ratio being 78.29 per cent, compared with 77.50 per cent 12 months ago.

With total assets amounting to \$1,025,508,367, and liabilities to the public standing at \$948,502,921, the excess of assets amounts to \$77,005,446, which represents the shareholders' interest in the bank. This is made up of the commercial loans up nearly \$20,000,000, a reflection of the extent to which the bank has been assisting the industry and commerce of the country. These loans amount to \$200,548,911.

As is to be expected with the substantially higher assets, deposits show a considerable enlargement, standing at \$914,909,050—also a record figure—as against \$783,166,945 in 1938. Much of this increase is reflected in the bank's portfolio of government securities, which, with other high-grade bonds, amount to \$517,171,255, as compared with \$440,738,220 a year ago. Holdings of stocks total \$470,131.

The heading under resources "Money on deposit with other banks" shows an appreciable increase over the figure of a year ago when it amounted to \$38,948,563. This year the figure is \$77,357,497—and the enlargement at this time is probably indicative of special banking transactions.

Of the remaining headings in the balance sheet, none show any substantial change from those of 1938 except call loans which, both in Canada and abroad, have decreased, those at home amounting to \$4,573,822, against \$5,874,960, while those abroad at \$19,142,173 are down by \$2,000,000. In the profit and loss account there is a moderate increase in earnings, which amount to \$3,462,446, compared with \$2,880,000 in 1938. Dominion and provincial government taxes which the bank paid during the past 12 months, amounting to \$1,196,413, were \$46,000 higher than in the previous period. Profits for the year amount to 4.54 per cent of the combined capital, test and undivided profits, as compared with 4.26 per cent in 1938. After the deduction of dividend payments of \$2,880,000 and the setting aside of \$500,000 as an appropriation for bank premises, the balance remained at \$82,446 which, added to the amount of \$1,183,254 in the profit and loss account a year ago, leaves a balance in this account of \$1,265,700.

### AROUND THE HOUSE

**Fitting Candles**—A candle may be made to fit any candlestick if dipped for a moment into very hot water. This will soften the wax and it can then be easily pushed in.

**When Baking Apple Pies**—To prevent the juice in apple pies from boiling over during baking mix the apples and sugar and let them stand covered for five minutes, then drain off the juice from the apple slices.

**Let Beds Air**—In order to give the bedding and mattress time to air out, housekeeping experts recommend delaying bed-making until just before noon or after all the other regular morning household tasks have been performed.

**Cleaning the Coffee Pot**—To keep a coffee pot sweet and clean, put a tablespoon of bicarbonate of soda into it, fill it nearly full of water and let it boil for a little while. Then rinse very thoroughly with warm water several times. This should be done once a week.

"No county in the world presented more problems of government than Canada," Mrs. Angus L. Macdonald.

### What Air Waves Are Saying Over CJCA

Back on the air after a visit home, to International Falls, Minnesota, is Bob Fritz, CJCA commentator and coach of the Edmonton Eskimos.

Bob wasted no time in getting back into Edmonton's sports whirl. He has already been contacting outstanding players and coaches, and will conduct several interviews on Sportsplex in the near future. Handling sports as a full-time job, he will be able to cover all games, and have first-hand information at all times.

As well as Bob's specialized service, CJCA has inaugurated a further sport feature that should meet with approval in this sport-conscious district. All senior hockey games played in the Alberta loop will be covered by wire, and fans will be able to count on

knowing the results of every game the night it is played. It is expected, if this service meets with the listener's approval, to extend it to cover other phases of sport.

This, along with the broadcasting of Saturday night N.H.L. hockey games and the eastern and east-west football finals, should keep CJCA sport fans pretty well in the know from week to week.

### THE CAREFUL DRIVER

The Alberta Safety League says "In driving in congested city traffic the main thing is to be especially alert so that the other drivers' mistakes do not get us into trouble, and so that we do not make mistakes ourselves. Careful drivers always allow themselves an extra margin of safety in both space and time. They point out that driving too close to the car

ahead is taking chances. It is just as easy to keep back a little so that in case the fellow in front of you stops suddenly we avoid the necessity of doing the same or of turning out to avoid running into him."

Many drivers dash across town at speeds that not only endanger themselves but others. By driving carefully and still allowing ourselves a little more time we get there just as quickly and get there safely. Many drivers make it a rule to prepare to stop or turn by getting into the right position or the right traffic lane at least two blocks ahead. By doing so they avoid a lot of trouble and prevent delays for themselves and others.

"In Canada we have great fortune, at least for the present, that the actual fighting does not take place around our homes,"—Arthur R. Fuyvis.

## Are Expertly Trained

Women of Finland Equipped For Branches Of War Service

Finland is probably the only country in Europe—perhaps the only country in the world—which has almost as many women as men expertly trained and equipped for war service in defence of its independence. If Russia does what few people expect and rashly invades this Czechoslovakia of the north, 400,000 Finnish women from the age of 16 to 55 are ready to play roles with Finland's armed forces and to a degree seldom approached in history.

Nearly half of this number of women are already in uniform and actively assisting Finland's 300,000 mobilized troops. The other members of this Amazonian phalanx are now working from 5 to 8 hours daily but would go into regular military formations immediately upon the outbreak of war. All these women belong to a national organization known as "Lotta" and the majority of them have served in it from 5 to 20 years.

Lotta members are unpaid volunteers who have served their country for years in ways designed to release the greatest possible number of men for service as soldiers. These Finnish women, of all ages and from every class of community, work with the army, drive ambulances, constitute nursing corps, provide sanitary sections, mend soldiers' socks and clothing, collect and distribute supplies and serve both with the military units at the front and behind the lines throughout the country. All this is taken entirely for granted here, because Finnish women have been doing all this in peace times, ever since Finland's independence was established in 1919.

Lotta takes its name from Lotta Svärd, the Finnish heroine who went to the front with her soldier-warrior heart in the war against Russia in 1808-9. Thousands of Finnish wives and sisters and sweethearts did the same thing during the Finnish war for independence in 1918. Immediately after a separate Finnish state was established the women's volunteer service was organized under the name of Lotta, with a junior Lotta for girls from 7 to 16.

All members are given thorough first aid training before specializing in medical, ambulance, canteen and other divisions. Every year Lotta volunteers have gone with the army through its annual manoeuvres. As a result, Finland's women have an almost unparalleled experience in practical training for war service on the most extensive and diversified scale and foreign news in Helsinki insists that Dictator Stalin would do well not to overlook how tremendously Lotta increases this country's potential wartime strength.

### Plenty Of Sleep

Lord Horder, King's Physician, Says Sleep Is Very Necessary

Great Britain will become a nation of deep sleepers for the duration of the war, if Lord Horder, the King's physician, has his way.

Lord Horder, who also is president of the Noise Abatement League, has issued an appeal to the people to hush their automobiles, horns, radio sets, dogs, garbage cans, milk bottles and the like.

"This war, more than any other that has yet confronted our people is a war of attrition to the nerves of the citizens, especially those living in towns and cities," he said.

"We must all be ready for great strains on the body and mind, and I would emphasize that sleep is more necessary to-day than at any time before."

"In normal conditions we could be lavish in our expenditure of nervous energy because the human body has a great capacity for adaptation."

"But war conditions absorb so much that we have to be careful in its use, just as with gold."

### Centrifugal Force

Keeps Earth In Place By Balancing Pull Of Sun

Centrifugal force now balances the pull of the sun and keeps our earth in place. If our orbital motion stopped, we would start falling toward the sun immediately. The first second the earth would fall only one-ninth of a mile, but when we finally struck the sun, we would be travelling 360 miles a second.

### The Giant Sequoia

The bark of the giant Sequoia tree is not hard and tough, as might be expected. It is so soft as to be quite spongy, yet fire seems unable to penetrate it, while insects dislike it as much as insect powder. The tree's greatest enemy is man.

The spinning spools of the spider are openings to internal silk glands, and the thickness of the thread depends on the number of glands put into action.

## Make Fine Fertilizer

Bonfire Of Leaves Is An Exhibition Of Sheer Waste

The annual autumn show is over. The leaves which so short a time ago made such a glorious display of color are gone. And many people asked the leaves into piles and burned them.

There is something attractive about a bonfire of leaves—the bright flashing of the flames and the pungent scent of wood-smoke in the air—but there is something else which too many do not take into consideration. A bonfire of leaves is an exhibition of sheer waste.

In the forests the leaves fall and stay where they fell, forming a cushion which protects the soil and helps to absorb the moisture deposited in the form of rain or snow. It allows the moisture to seep into the soil, to nourish the roots of the trees and plants, instead of running off in streamlets which carry off a part of the valuable top soil and leave the rest in shape to crack open when the summer helps to bake the soil more fertile.

"That's all right in the bush," someone says; "but we can't leave our lawns and gardens strewn with leaves. They don't look tidy." All right, then; by all means have them raked off. But why burn them?

Instead of doing that, why not save the food value in them? Why not gather them into piles, put some weight on them to keep them from blowing away and let them settle down and rot? It does not take long for a pile of dead leaves to change into a heap of the finest fertilizer to be found. If you have ever dug ferns or wild flowers you know how rich the soil is—nothing but the remains of dead leaves. Why not have some of it in our gardens? We can have it if we save the leaves instead of letting them go up in smoke.

That is one of the peculiarities of men—they spend time gathering and burning leaves and then spend money for fertilizer not as good as the stuff they built into bonfires.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

### Explanation Is Simple

Scotland Yard Tells Why Crime Has Fallen Off In London

The bad boys of London have suddenly turned good and reformed. Not for 20 years have Scotland-yard detectives had so few cases of serious crime to deal with as they had last week.

Burglars, house-breakers, and smash-and-grab raiders were idle. Even the motor-car thief was only "working" part time.

This is how a Scotland-yard authority explained to a Sunday Express representative the sudden "reformation" of the bad boys.

"There are more than treble the ordinary number of police on duty in the streets and added to these are wardens and other officials. The criminals' chance of getting away in the darkness is very remote. 'Jewellers and furriers' shops, usually brilliantly lighted after business hours, are now in complete darkness and many have handbags placed in position.

"The smash-and-grab raid cannot, therefore, be carried out, operations, he dare not use a torch.

"Nor can he hope to dash off in his motor-car after a raid. Speed is the essence of success in all smash-and-grab raids.

"Burglars and house-breakers, too, are handicapped. It is difficult to tell whether a completely darkened house is occupied or not.

"The chances are that the house is occupied, for the closing of cinemas and theatres is keeping people in their homes at night time."—London Sunday Express.

### Canada's Grand Old Man

Sir William Mulock Always Ready To Help His Country

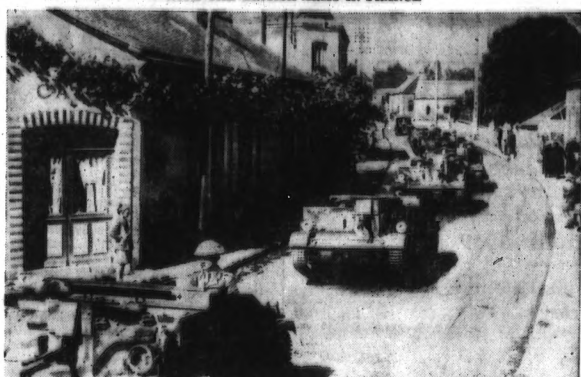
Sir William Mulock presided at a meeting of the Toronto and York Patriotic Association. He was president of the association during the Great War. He had reached what is called "the allotted span" the year the war began.

Now, 25 years later still young in his keen interest in all that goes on in the world, and still ready to put his ripe judgment at the service of his country, he is once more in the saddle.

Canada has never before produced his like. He has never lost touch with the changing times. He has maintained a fresh outlook upon the world and its problems, and a desire to help solve them in practical ways.—Toronto Star.

The Bank of England carries its premises, furniture, and fittings on its balance sheets as assets to the value of one pound sterling.

Only the female glowworm is luminous.



This photograph, passed by the Censor, shows light tanks carrying Bren guns passing through a French village.

### Stamps Were Widely Used

To Convey Vital Information To Enemy During Last War

Since the outbreak of war there has been a sharp decline in the exportation of stamps from Europe for philatelic purposes. In Great Britain, France and Germany, postage stamps in blocks are regarded with suspicion and subjected to the closest inspection.

This is owing to the fact that during the Great War postage stamps were frequently used for code purposes in conveying vital military and naval information to the enemy. Various methods of making stamps serve espionage purposes were uncovered by British censors in 1914. Stamps could be so arranged, on approval sheets prepared for export, that the initials of the governments which had issued the attached stamps would spell messages disclosing movements of warship, merchant vessels and troops.

As stamps are made in various shapes, issued in numerous values and contain many odd watermarks designs in the paper, the contrivance of many different kinds of codes is possible.

Leading New York philatelic firms report that no stamp shipments have come through from the three warring nations since the beginning of September. What meagre imports of stamps there are emanate from a few neutral countries, chiefly Italy and Switzerland.—Calgary Herald.

### To Prevent War

Would Study Question Of A United States Of Europe

R. A. Butler, foreign under-secretary, told the British House of Commons that the Foreign Office is prepared to study the possibility of an international system to prevent war.

Geoffrey Mander, Liberal, asked whether Prime Minister Chamberlain thought it opportune at this time to study the question of creating a united states of Europe as advocated by some British leaders.

"His Majesty's government was prepared to consider any proposal by which a suitable international system having as its object the prevention of war and the settlement of international disputes by pacific means can be effectively achieved," Mr. Butler said.

"They are not prepared at this stage to set up a special committee such as is suggested in the question."

In playing cards, the various suits originally were meant to designate the nobility (spades), to clergy (hearts), the serfs (clubs), and the citizens (diamonds).

### Wide Expanse Of Sea

Difficult For British Navy To Watch Every Square Mile

People ask how it comes that German raiders can evade the British navy, sink British ships in the North Atlantic.

The answer is that the North Atlantic is a pretty roomy place; that there's a lot of sea.

In a voyage across the Atlantic the average passenger ship follows the ordinary lanes of commerce. Yet despite all the ships that ply with passengers and commerce between Europe and this continent, an entire ship may go by without one ship meeting another—or even sighting another.

In the North Sea, and in the North Atlantic, there are grey, misty days, when there is little visibility, and there are long black nights when a ship without lights is not easily detected. The British navy would require to have one ship for every square mile of the ocean to make enemy raiders impossible.

As it is, the British navy isn't doing badly. It is keeping the U-boat menace down to a minimum; is capturing or destroying many submarines; has moved a British force of 250,000 men to France without a single casualty.

Meanwhile German commerce is still swept from the seas.—Ottawa Journal.

### Have To Be Trained

Soviet Scientists Teach Bees To Like All Flowers

Bees do not collect honey from flowers indiscriminately. Some flowers they like, others they apparently do not. So the scientists of the Soviet Union are training bees to mend their ways. A sort of "conditioned reflex" is established. That is, the bees are fed on a syrup obtained from flowers that they would not ordinarily frequent. After having acquired a taste which to them must be like ours for apples, frogs' legs, oysters and the like, the bees are no longer so fussy. This work is important because bees cross-fertilize plants by dragging pollen from flower to flower. On 230 collective farms, pollination has been multiplied ten to twenty times and crops correspondingly by bees, with acquired tastes.—New York Times.

### Profitable Islands

The Profit Island group has been one of Uncle Sam's most profitable investments, due to the fact that it is the breeding ground of the fur seal. Strict regulations are in force in the sealing industry, and even tourists are forbidden from visiting the islands.

### London Still Smiles

Cockney Humor Cannot Be Suppressed Even In War Time

The London correspondent of the Ottawa Journal, says: It would be a profound mistake to picture London as at all down in the mouth. Despite the almost excessive severity of the blackout and the Government's sumptuary ukases about public entertainment, the Cockney humor is still functioning.

To-day I witnessed the departure from her Mayfair car for a matutinal airing in Hyde Park of a small society maiden. She was in her prim, with the usual escort of smart nudes. In her small arms she clasped a beloved toy teddy bear, which was wearing a facsimile toy gas mask. Not merely carrying it in its container, you gather, but wearing it in the correct "Gas Alarm" manner.

On my way towards Fleet street I encountered another comic section. Some joker had stuck a very old and ruinous umbrella into the top of a barricade of sandbags outside a West End shop. Attached to this relic was a label and printed on the label was "Hitler's New Weapon."

### Complex Civilization

Dr. Alan Dafoe Talks About The Matter Of Safeguarding Health

"The increasingly problematic nature of what is becoming an 'increasingly complex civilization' depends upon the health of to-day's children," Dr. Alan Roy Dafeo told the forum on current world problems sponsored by the New York Herald Tribune.

The citizens of to-morrow are the children of to-day, said the famous "Country Doctor" who has had the care of the Dionne quintuplets since their birth 5½ years ago. And since the fundamental requirement of a good citizen is good health it is essential that greater care be taken in safeguarding the physical, mental and emotional development of children.

Parents, added Dr. Dafeo, ought to bring up their child in a way that he or she will ultimately be completely independent of them; "for only when a son or a daughter can do this is he or she a full-fledged independent human being—better citizen."

"Spare your cat" is the latest admonition from the British A.R.P. animals committee. They fear an epidemic of vermin should the present eagerness to kill cats and other pets continue.

Crocodiles and geese lay similar-sized eggs.

## Tip For Animal Lovers

No Trouble Keeping Dog And Cat If Rule Is Followed

L. E. Subanks, in Our Dumb Animals, says:

Dogs and cats are the most popular pets. Many dog lovers detest cats, and a large percentage of cat owners dislike dogs. But I have been surprised, after some inquiry, at the number of people who like both dog and cat. Off hand, I can't think of more than a dozen acquaintances who actually keep both, but I know a great many others who would do so, but for the belief that it is impossible or extremely difficult to establish compatibility between these animals.

If you start with both animals when babies, the thing is entirely simple. And usually you can bring a puppy into a household where there is a mature cat. It depends, of course, on the cat's disposition, and specifically on her attitude toward dogs. While it is not the usual thing for puss to be the aggressor, occasionally she is; and if you know your cat to be one of that kind, don't get a dog—not even a mature one. You won't be able to change that cat's mind, and you'll have no end of trouble.

Rover is the aggressor, generally; and unless you know your dog to be exceptional in regard to cats, don't get a cat. Take this as a rule (with exceptions): a mature cat will tolerate a puppy, but a mature dog is likely to injure, perhaps kill a kitten.

Generally, small dogs get along better with cats—Pomeranians in particular, according to my experience. On the other hand, I have never known an Alredale that could be trusted not to fight a cat.

The ideal arrangement is for both to be young. The kitten will mature faster, in the matter of self-reliance, and it is better that you let her be "bowed." She is less liable to abuse leadership as they grow older. The most harm she will ever do the puppy is to slap him—unless he should sometime force her to fight for her life. In this one respect at least, the dog is less dependable; so it is better for him to sense her authority from the first and habitually bow to it.

If your cat is mature or nearly so when you get the puppy, her adjustment to his presence in the home will not much affect her attitude toward other dogs. But if she has known him from her babyhood and loves him, then it's up to you to give some extra care to protecting her from strange dogs. Her natural fear of them has been much modified by her congenial association with the one dog, and being a bit off guard may cost her the life.

Be careful that you don't misunderstand the cat. She won't seem as smart and responsive as the dog. But if you assume that she's dumb, lacks sensibilities, etc., you may lose that cat. Some day when you're giving Rover all the petting, Puss will quietly walk away. No sensibilities? Her heart is broken, that's all!

### Inspirational Picture

British Movie Of War In Air Will Come To Canada

"The Lion Has Wings," movie of war in the air which was placed on the official secrets lists during production, was shown in public for the first time in London.

The picture, of frankly "inspirational" character, was acclaimed by a hard-boiled press audience, particularly during scenes reconstructing the Kiel canal raid, in which, it is recalled, Canadian members of the Royal Air Force took a prominent part.

The actual pilots of the Kiel raid are shown leaving and returning to the airport.

The movie was made in close cooperation with the Royal Air Force and the ministry of information by newscast companies and London Films.

Fifty per cent. of the proceeds will go to the government's war fund. Copies of the movies are being sent to all the Dominions and neutral countries.

### Meltdown In Snow

Some snow is so light that 17 inches are required to make one inch of water, while old snow, found in the springtime, may be 50 per cent. water. The average is about 10 to 12 inches of snow for one inch of water.

A pair of ladies' stockings contains about three and three-fourths miles of silk thread.

As many as 1,700 separate parts are assembled to make a single standard-size typewriter.

Of the 75,000,000 horses in the world, America has 11,500,000.

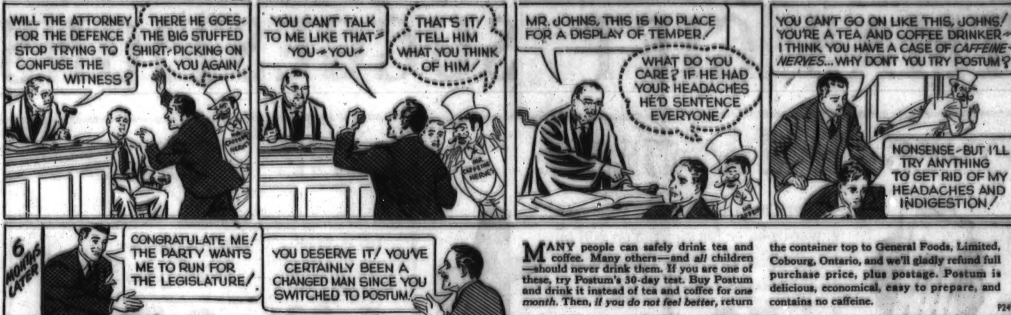
### TRAINING BRITISH GUNNERS



Ramming home a shell in a six-inch howitzer at an Artillery School "somewhere in England." This picture was passed by the British Censor.



## MR. CAFFEINE-NERVES is out of court



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## Noted British Painter Dead

Sigmund Goetze Exhibited At Royal Academy When Quite Young

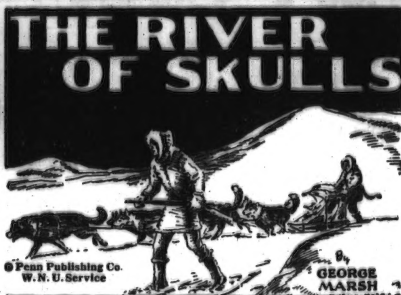
Sigmund Goetze, British painter, died at his London home, on his 70th birthday.

Goetze, who painted large canvas panel pictures at the British Foreign Office, complained at a banquet three years ago that the "artificiality" of modern women was a handicap to art.

"We poor moderns," he said, "have to seek inspiration from shorn locks, plucked eyebrows, painted lips and bloody finger-nails."

Noted for his portraits of well-known persons, his landscapes and paintings of religious subjects, Goetze first exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1882 at the age of 22.

In 1908 he received a gold medal "for distinguished services to sculpture" from the Royal Society of British Sculptors.



CHAPTER VIII.—Continued

Rapidly the winter shut in and the frost strengthened. Farther and farther out the ice sheet reached in the lake and, near the shore, became so thick that they raised their nets. But the big cache was now piled high with frozen fish.

Twice, when the river closed, they drove the dogs down to the cabin on the Talking to find all well with John and Heather and no news from McQueen.

And then, at last, came the Montagnais "Moon When the Snow Hangs in the Trees", and, in the middle of December, Alan and Noel started with the dogs to search for the headwater lakes of the Koksoak.

Over the barren flanking the valley of the Sinking Lakes, they travelled into the northeast. But it was a long-faced Noel who trotted behind the eager dogs over the sparkling tundra.

"No one evar go into dis countrie and come back," he reminded Alan as they stood on a high barren and gazed over the undulating white waste to the north and east, seemingly aflame as the sun slanted across its limitless expanse.

"Well," said Alan, dropping his mitten slung to his neck by a thong and wiping the rime from his face

with a bare hand, "someone always has to be first, eh, Rough?"

For days they travelled north of the valley of the Sinking Lakes but, in that direction, beyond the dim blue hills they had often seen from the valley, they found no water courses flowing north; no headwater lakes.

"Mebbe dis lak' not flow into de beeg riviere."

"Noel, this lake is surely the headwaters of the big river, or of one of its branches. It's got to be flowing north as the river does. And we'll soon find out."

Snug in their caribou sleeping bags, the tired boys awoke beside their fire. In the morning, they started along shore over the wind-blown ice in search of the outlet. All day they travelled rapidly north until, shortly after noon, when the light died, they were at the end of the lake, but as yet had found no outlet which would lead, as they hoped, into the north and the great Koksoak.

The next morning they saw what appeared to be a long island lying off the shore. Cutting in beyond the island they found that the lake reached to the north, like the fingers on a hand, in three separate bays. And from each of these ran an outlet.

"Look, Noel," said Alan, as they stood on a low hill and followed the channels of the three streams with the binoculars. "These outlets run right into the north through a flat valley and must join, later. I tell you we're on Koksoak water. To the east the ridges all run north and south—not a break in them. We've found it, boy! We're on the Koksoak!"

The Indian nodded his head in agreement.

"Now we'll follow the east shore and see if this is the main discharge. Some of these lakes have two. But I'm positive no water could run to the east; from the lay of the country, it's bound to travel north."

With the boys riding the toboggan,

away galloped the dogs along the eastern shore. In an hour, looking across the wide expanse of ice into the southwest they could barely see the white hills from which they had discovered the great lake. In places, the hard snow, carved by the wind, rippled away for miles like white waves; in places the ice was scored almost clean of its snow blanket, making studding a delight. On, up the east shore, the eager dogs took them at a gallop. But at noon the sun in the south was gradually smothered in haze. To the north banks of lead-colored clouds piled above the white hills.

"Snow comin'," announced Noel, as they stopped to give the dogs a breather.

"Sure enough!" agreed Alan. "What do you say to crossing the lake to the camp we had two nights back in that thick timber? It may be an old story and last for days. With the hills running as they do, there's no outlet from this side. After the blow we'll make sure."

"Bet ees far across there. We have to hurry."

"But we've got the dogs to make it. Haven't we, Rough, old boy?"

Alan went to the great dog sprawled on the wind-hammered snow, and rubbed his ears as he looked into the slant eyes.

"You take the team across this lake before that snow comes, Rough?"

Rough answered with a red laugh as his breath rose like smoke on the biting air.

CHAPTER IX.

Back in their windbreak of black spruce, the boys held in for a storm. For three days the "drifter" pounded the barrens, driving every living thing, furred or feathered, to the sanctuary of the spruce or to snug burrows in the snow. The morning of the fourth day when the sun, flanked by two brass balls of sun-dogs or false suns, lifted above the horizon while the sky to the north and west were still a dense blue-black, the wind had died. With the stinging air shot with glittering snow crystals, their frozen breaths trailing behind them like smoke, men and dogs started for the head of the lake. Along the shores the wind had heaped huge drifts but much of the lake ice had been scoured of snow. Camping at the head of the lake, the following day, they started over the young snow for the shoulders of the nearest hill to search for a spring water route from the Sinking Lakes.

Here in the timber the boys broke trail on snowshoes ahead of the team for there was three feet of new snow and, without firm footing, the dogs wallowed to their shoulders. Everywhere, the night before, the wild creatures had travelled in search of food after the storm.

At last Alan discovered a water route to the big lake, by way of a chain of ponds lying on the Height-of-Land. The object of their exploring trip was accomplished.

The Montagnais "Great Moon" of January with its searing winds and nights when the lake ice split with the boom of muffled artillery and the spruce snapped under the contraction of the frost, rode over the barrens, followed by the "Moon of the Eagle." Night after night the aurora lit the white tundra and streams of pearls mist writhed across the heavens beneath stars that shone through with a spectral blue.

"The Spirits of the Dead at Play," the Eskimos call the dancing lights of the polar heavens.

Often fearful for the safety of the man and girl wintering on the Talker-trail behind their galloping leg, Alan and Noel rode the ice dogs.

More than once during the winter, John had crossed strange snowshoe trails. Some were the bear paw prints of the Montagnais and some the long shape of the coast Cree. The cabin on the Talking was being

watched. McQueen was hiding his time—waiting to follow the canoe that would start in the spring.

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## May Not Be Right

Two Doctors Tell Professions Which Make Good Husbands

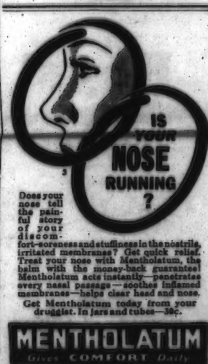
Chemical engineers make the best husbands, only about ten per cent. of the women who marry them being really miserable. They are closely followed by ministers, college professors, and football coaches. Among the worst husbands, on the other hand, are barbers, musicians, travelling salesmen, and plumbers, whose capacity for annoying their wives is terrific. Dentists, lawyers, and advertising men are about halfway down the list—not good, not bad. Writers are not mentioned at all, possibly because their records are just too appalling for print. We learned these rather odd facts from a book called "Predicting Success or Failure in Marriage," by a couple of doctors named Burgess and Cottrell, who spent nine years and sent out more than five hundred questionnaires in getting them together. The reason ladies are happiest with people like teachers and ministers, whose capacity for annoying their wives is terrific, is that these men are apt to stay in one place, where they can be watched, while the others drift around, getting in jams. All this seems reasonable enough, but there is one other little point that keeps on bothering us. How about one other one of our picture—"How about the boys who married all these confiding ladies? Are they happy? We doubt it. Show us, we say, a wife who will fill in a questionnaire about her private life and mail it back to a couple of strange doctors, and we will show you a husband who wishes he were in the Foreign Legion.—The New Yorker.

It would be a different world if only common sense was really common.

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One morning they headed into the southeast. In the sparsely wooded valleys, snow-white Arctic hares, their long ears tipped with black, jumped from willow thickets to race away at the coming of the dog-team. Once, at a distance, three curious white foxes danced grotesquely on the snow, inspecting the approach of the team, until the excited dogs, getting their scent, set up a frenzied yelping which drove them away over the tundra, like wisps of white smoke.

Because of the wood, the boys had stopped in a small valley, where a stream headed, to boil their kettle. After eating, they continued south and came out of the fold in the hills to higher country. As Alan, who was leading the team, reached the lip of the valley and looked far into the east, he raised his hands with a shout.

"Noel!" he cried. "Look at that lake over there! We've found it!" Noel joined him and the two gazed in amazement across the tundra. There, miles away to the east, beyond the low hills of the foreground, reached the level, white shell of an enormous lake, until it was lost in the haze of the distance.

"Why, it's as big as Lake Eleniville on the Great Whale," Noel exclaimed Alan excitedly. "This must be one of the lakes in the old men's tales."

The Indian stood in awe gazing at the white reaches of the distant lake. Far to the north and south stretched the shimmering floor of snow and wind-scoured ice, and into the east, until it merged with the horizon.

"Bet oes very beeg lak," he said.

"Big riviere flow out of dis."

"And that river must be a headwater of the Koksoak!" cried Alan.

"We're over the Height-of-Land, The

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